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The following are listed on the accompanying PTO/SB/08 and are in a non-English language:

- Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. 2004-312663 The relevance of this document is discussed at page 3 of the specification of the present application. Also, this document corresponds to U.S. Patent Application
 Publication No. 2004/0126097.
 - 2. JP 2004-288263
 - 3. JP 2000-32378 This document corresponds to U.S. Patent Application Publication Nos. 2001/0041048, 2001/0046373, 2002/0076210 and EP 0 971 535.
 - JP 2003-331526 This document corresponds to U.S. Patent Application
 Publication No. 2003/0210895, EP 1 503 380 and WO 03/096342.

An English-language abstract of the documents is enclosed.

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